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In re PASENT APPLICATION OF

KAKIHARA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/819,827

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Group Art Unit 2632

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SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT (IPER)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is the English version of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Please note on its 3rd page that novelty and inventive step are "yes", as is industrial applicability, for all claims which are the same claims as filed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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